

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.4366**

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TO:	The Honorable Daniel T. "Dan" Cooper, Chairperson, House Ways and Means Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Volunteer Strategic Assistance and Fire Equipment Act of 2006		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 4366 would enact the Volunteer Strategic Assistance and Fire Equipment Act of 2006. Under this Act the State Firefighter's Association would administer a grant program designed to assist volunteer fire departments in protecting local communities and regional response areas from incidents of fire, hazardous materials, terrorism, and to provide for the safety of volunteer firefighters. Eligible units would be eligible for grants up to thirty thousand dollars a year. A fire department may be awarded only one grant in a three-year period.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Section 23-51-20 of the Bill states that the General Assembly shall appropriate no more than \$3,000,000 annually for this grant program. Therefore, the impact on the General Fund of the State is at the General Assembly's discretion, but would be no more than \$3,000,000 annually.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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